GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7845
ANSWERED ON:16.05.2000
NATIONAL MINORITIES COMMISSION
VISHNU DATT

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Minorities Commission wanted Kashmiri Pandit and others to be brought under their purview;

(b) if so, whether the Government of Jammu and Kashmir is objecting to it;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Union Government propose to make any policy to protect Minorities from the hand of militants/majorities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(c): The question as to who constitutes a minority is subjudice under a Writ Petition in the Hon`ble Supreme Court. Further action on provision of minority status will be taken based on the decision of the Hon`ble Supreme Court.

(d)&(e): To fight terrorism in J&K, two Unified Headquarters are functioning in the State directly under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister, J&K. The UHQs meet under his Chairmanship from time to discuss threadbare all security related aspects including protection of minorities, assessment of requirement of deployment of security forces and operations against the terrorists.